



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: SOLVENT PULPING OF BIOMASS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION,
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed November 7, 2003, it is submitted that the application was deposited with 14 sheets of drawings on July 2, 2003. Copies thereof, together with a copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of 14 sheets of drawings, are attached.

As a separate matter, and in order to eliminate multiple dependency in the claims and thereby reduce the claim filing fee, please amend the claims as follows.

Finally, as noted in the remarks section beginning on page 10, also attached are: our filing completion coversheet together with the Correspondence Address Indication form, signed Declaration, Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application form, Assignment and Power of Attorney.